GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4959
ANSWERED ON:29.04.2008
HIGH COST OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY
Mediyam Dr. Babu Rao

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the cost of advanced technology has increased manifold in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to bring down the cost of advanced technology?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) No.Sir.Advanced technologies are not available off the shelf. They need to be developed by launching missions and funding projects within India.Successful outcomes reduce the cost of such technologies. Generally,the cost of advanced systems developed in the country is very cost effective.

(b) & (c): Does not arise.